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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) Spring rains damage Theodore Roosevelt National Park roads.

Roads in the North and South Units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park were closed June 6 after damage due to heavy rain caused a drainage culvert to fail and large sections of the road to be undercut by erosion.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/news/local/3761070-spring-rains-damage-theodore-roosevelt-national-park-roads>

(North Dakota) Large propane tank fire causes evacuation of north Fargo apartment building.

A large June 7 fire prompted the partial evacuation of the 10-story New Horizons Manor apartment building in Fargo, North Dakota after propane tanks, used for building's auxiliary energy, overheated behind the complex. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3761465-large-propane-tank-fire-causes-evacuation-north-fargo-apartment-building>

(North Dakota) Most first responders in North Dakota are volunteers. In 2011, 86 percent of emergency personnel were volunteers in North Dakota, according to a state rural emergency services report. Today, it's 76 percent, according to the state Department of Health. <http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/3763948-most-first-responders-north-dakota-are-volunteers>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Operators shut down Unit 2 at Prairie Island nuclear plant.

Xcel Energy Inc., officials reported that operators shut down Prairie Island's Unit 2 June 7 in response to a turbine trip caused by low oil pressure. The company reported no risk to the public or employees and plans to repair the unit are ongoing. <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2015/06/07/operators-shut-down-unit-2-at-prairie-island-nuclear-plant/28655059/>

(Montana) EPA's rule on Colstrip coal plant pollution struck down. A Federal appeals court struck down 2012 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency haze pollution rules June 9 that aimed to protect regional air quality by requiring the best available technology for use in older coal plants. Judges stated that the pollution rules arbitrarily required companies such as PPL Montana to install

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expensive pollution controls without assurance of improvements in visibility.
<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2015/jun/11/epas-rule-on-colstrip-coal-plant-pollution-struck/>

NATIONAL

(National) Hacking linked to China exposes millions of U.S. workers. U.S. officials announced June 4 that at least four million current and former government employees had been affected after data from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, which handles government security clearances and Federal employee records, had been compromised. The breach was first detected in April and appeared to target Social Security numbers and other personal identifying information. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/05/us/breach-in-a-federal-computer-system-exposes-personnel-data.html>

(National) US Army website hacked: officials. The U.S. Army's official Web site was shut down June 8 after hackers claiming to be affiliated with the "Syrian Electronic Army" posted messages denouncing U.S. training of rebel fighters in Syria. No classified or personal data was housed on the Web site, and officials reported that no data was stolen. <http://www.securityweek.com/us-army-website-hacked-officials>

(Iowa) New bird flu cases emerge; U.S. to import egg products from Netherlands. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported June 8 that egg products such as liquid, dried, and frozen eggs will be imported from the Netherlands due to a shortage caused by the spread of avian flu. <http://www.kcci.com/news/new-bird-flu-cases-emerge-us-to-import-egg-products-from-netherlands/33474372>

(National) Two U.S. men charged with beheading plot to help Islamic State. Prosecutors charged two U.S. men on Friday for plotting to help the Islamic State militant group by beheading Americans, after an investigation that led law enforcement officers to shoot a suspect dead last week in Boston. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/12/us-massachusetts-police-shooting-idUSKBN0OS1L720150612>

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INTERNATIONAL

(International) HTTPS-everywhere for government. The White House Office of Management and Budget issued the HTTPS-Only Standard directive June 8, requiring that all publicly accessible Federal Web sites and Web services only provide service through Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) connections by December 31, 2016. The U.S. Chief Information Officer set up a Web site to provide technical assistance and best-practices for migration as well as a public dashboard to monitor progress.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/06/08/https-everywhere-government>

(International) Stuxnet still a threat to critical infrastructure. Findings from Kleissner & Associates “Internet Attacks Against Nuclear Power Plants” report revealed that the Stuxnet malware was found on at least 153 devices worldwide in almost 5 years, at least 6 of which were running supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) development software. The researchers reiterated the threat posed by malware developed on behalf of foreign nation states.

<http://www.scmagazineuk.com/stuxnet-still-a-threat-to-critical-infrastructure/article/419802/>

(International) U.S. National Vulnerability Database vulnerable to XSS attack. A security consultant discovered that the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s National Vulnerability Database (NVD) housing common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVE) flaws is vulnerable to a cross-site scripting (XSS) attack by replacing the document object mode (DOM) with a phishing page to collect personal identifiable information (PII) and card information. NVD officials reported that the agency is working to address the issue.

<http://www.scmagazineuk.com/us-national-vulnerability-database-vulnerable-to-xss-attack/article/419789/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(Illinois) Florida residents arrested in Aurora with over 700 fake credit and gift cards. Kane County authorities arrested 6 Florida residents in Aurora, Illinois June 1 after traffic stops led to the discovery of over 700 fake credit and gift cards in their hotel rooms and vehicles.

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<http://www.myfoxchicago.com/story/29243881/florida-residents-arrested-in-aurora-with-over-700-fake-credit-and-gift-cards>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Minnesota) Bloomington Hotel remains closed after siding panels fall off building. The La Quinta Inn & Suites in Bloomington, Minnesota, remains closed June 8 after four pieces of the building's siding fell on the entryway of the hotel and prompted guests to evacuate. No injuries were reported and the cause of the collapse is under investigation. <http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3819334.shtml>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Takata, U.S. regulator can't say how many cars may have faulty air bags. Takata Corporation officials and the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that at least 400,000 of the 4 million replacement inflators for defective Takata air bags will need to be replaced again due to a defective propellant wafer. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/05/autos-takata-replacements-idUSL1N0YQ2K420150605>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(New York) Manhunt: escaped killers 'could literally be anywhere.' The U.S. Marshalls Service issued federal arrest warrants June 7 for two convicted felons who escaped the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, New York after the

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inmates cut through a steel wall using power tools, and followed a series of tunnels that led to a manhole outside the prison gates. Authorities are currently searching for the escapees and are offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to their capture. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/07/us/new-york-escapees/>

(Texas) Texas police officer in pool party video identified. A McKinney, Texas police officer was put on administrative leave June 8 after forcibly handling a minor to the ground when responding to a disturbance call June 5. A complete investigation is ongoing to assess the incident. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/08/texas-police-officer-reaction-pool-party/28673177/>

(New York) New York prison employee gave blades, drill bits to escapees, sources say. The Clinton County District Attorney reported June 12 that an employee at the New York Clinton Correctional Facility allegedly provided equipment including hacksaw blades, drill bits, and eyeglasses with light fixtures, used in the escape of two convicted murderers June 6. An investigation is ongoing to find the escaped prisoners. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/12/us/new-york-prison-break/index.html>

ENERGY

(California) County denies ExxonMobil request to haul oil by truck. Santa Barbara County officials rejected an emergency permit application June 9 that Exxon Mobil Corp., had submitted requesting permission to use semi-trucks to haul up to 1,290,240 gallons of crude oil a day along Highway 101 to a refinery facility while crews repair a breach in Plains All American Pipeline's Line 901, which spilled over 100,000 gallons into coastal waters in May. <http://www.independent.com/news/2015/jun/10/county-denies-exxonmobil-request-haul-oil-truck/>

(Pennsylvania) Federal officials investigating pipeline explosion in Pennsylvania. Federal officials were investigating the cause of a June 9 gas rupture and fire in Unityville, Pennsylvania that displaced about 130 people after a Williams-owned 24-inch natural gas transmission pipeline failed. The company reported that it had quickly stopped the rupture and would work with authorities to determine the

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cause of the failure and ensure the pipeline's operational integrity.

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2015/06/federal_officials_investigation_1.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Michigan) Fast-spreading bird flu found in wild Michigan geese. Michigan State officials reported June 8 that its first case of the avian flu was found in 3 young Canada geese near ponds at the Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, Michigan, May 28 – June 1. The State plans to monitor a 10-mile radius from where the infected birds were found.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/macomb/2015/06/08/fast-spreading-bird-flu-found-wild-michigan-geese/28713075/>

(Minnesota) Stearns County farm that was struck early by bird flu set to become Minnesota's 2nd to restock. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health reported June 10 that one of the first farms affected by bird flu in Stearns County is scheduled to resume production by restocking its turkeys. Fourteen other affected farms completed thorough disinfecting processes and are awaiting approval to resume production. <http://www.startribune.com/stearns-county-farm-to-become-2nd-in-minnesota-to-restock/306820841/>

(Arizona) Bird flu in Arizona? 4 AZ facilities quarantined. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported June 11 that 4 counties in Arizona may have been infected with the bird flu after initial test results showed positive traces of the disease. Officials have quarantined the birds until further testing can be done. <http://www.kpho.com/story/29301321/bird-flu-in-arizona-4-az-facilities-quarantined>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Washington, D.C.) White House briefing, two Senate buildings receive bomb threats. The White House press briefing room and portions of the Dirksen and Russell Senate Office Buildings were evacuated June 9 after a bomb threat was called in to the Metropolitan Police Department and suspicious packages were reported. Officials cleared the buildings in less than hour for re-entry.

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<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/capitol-police-clear-floor-senate-building-after-call-about-package-n372331>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) NIST updates ICS cyber security guide. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) released the second revision of its “Guide to Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Security,” which includes updated sections for vulnerabilities and other threats, risk management, security architectures, recommended practices, and security capabilities and tools as well as guidance on how to adapt traditional cybersecurity controls to ICS requirements.

<http://www.securityweek.com/nist-updates-ics-cyber-security-guide>

(International) Zeus banking trojan variant goes completely undetected. A security researcher from PricewaterhouseCoopers discovered that a new variant of the Zeus banking trojan delivered via the Neutrino exploit kit (EK) is completely undetectable by most antivirus products, and that encoded data in the EK indicates that the trojan is part of a new malicious campaign.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Zeus-Banking-Trojan-Variant-Goes-Completely-Undetected-483474.shtml>

(International) Cyber-thieves cash in from malware. Security researchers at Trustwave reported that cyber-thieves can earn almost 1,500 percent potential profit from ransomware kits by spending approximately \$5,900 on kits that could earn about \$90,000 a month in an attack campaign via a compromised Web site.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-33048949>

(International) DDoS attacks increase in Q2 2015, largest one over 253Gbps strong. Incapsula released findings from a report on distributed denial-of-service attacks in the second quarter of 2015 which revealed that powerful user datagram protocol (UDP) and synchronize (SYN) floods were the preferred method of network-layer attacks, while botnet-for-hire services were typically used to probe defenses. Incapsula reported that out of 56 percent of UDP and SYN floods seen, 8 percent were launched from “Internet of Things” (IoT) devices, among other findings. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DDoS-Attacks-Increase-in-Q2-2015-Largest-One-Over-253Gbps-Strong-483814.shtml>

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PUBLIC HEALTH

(National) Medical devices used as pivot point in hospital attacks: report.

Findings from a May 7 report issued by TrapX Security detailed an attack vector known as “MedJack,” which targets outdated and vulnerable software of medical devices. TrapX Security warned that a majority of hospitals are at risk of being infected with malware that has remained undetected. The report included case studies in which networks were breached via blood gas analyzers, a picture archive and communications system (PACS), and an X-Ray system.

<http://www.securityweek.com/medical-devices-used-pivot-point-hospital-attacks-report>

(National) Tuberculosis case prompts search for patient’s fellow airline

passengers. Health officials are working to trace potential contacts of a woman who traveled from India to Chicago in April and later visited Missouri and Tennessee before being admitted to a hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, where she was given a diagnosis of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a statement June 8 stating the risk to the public is low. http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/09/science/tuberculosis-case-prompts-search-for-patients-fellow-airline-passengers.html?_r=1

(Washington) UW Medical Center fined \$54,000 over health safety violations.

The University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle was fined \$54,000 and issued 12 citations June 9 after an investigation into the exposure of workers inside a cooling tower to Legionella bacteria which could lead to Legionnaire’s disease. The citations reflected health violations by the hospital which allowed workers to enter permit-required confined spaces without proper safety precautions and failed to notify repair workers, medical staff, and patients of the growth. <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/UW-Medical-Center-fined-54000-over-Legionella-violations-306681111.html>

(Florida) Hospital suspends elective heart surgeries on children after CNN

investigation. St. Mary’s Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Florida has suspended elective pediatric heart surgeries after an investigation revealed June 7 an abnormally high mortality rate within the hospital for the procedures, prompting a Federal probe into the hospital by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The hospital announced that it would launch a comprehensive

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review involving external experts.

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/08/health/hospital-suspends-elective-heart-surgeries-on-children-after-cnn-investigation/>

(Texas) 'Data service outage' forces Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital to divert incoming patients elsewhere. Officials announced June 10 that Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital in Houston would be unable to accept patients for at least 14 hours due to a 'data service outage'. Repairs are being made while several core services, including commercial data and telephone service, remained off-line, forcing the hospital to divert ambulances and patients to alternative hospitals.
<http://www.myfoxhouston.com/story/29291211/data-service-outage-forces-lyndon-b-johnson-hospital-to-divert-patients-elsewhere>

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

(Louisiana) Levee concerns prompt Garland City evacuation. Miller County emergency management officials ordered a mandatory evacuation for about 250 residents in Garland City June 4 while crews worked to shore up a levee weakened by a "sand boil" that is causing the earthen embankment to weaken. Officials report that the levee has not yet failed, and that the evacuation was initiated out of precaution.
<http://www.wmctionnews5.com/story/29245176/mandatory-evacuation-ordered-for-garland-city-ar>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's**

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